

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chairman Stellato at 7:12 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chairman Stellato, Ald. Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner

Absent: Lewis

3. Omnibus Vote – none.

4. Administrative

a. Video Gaming Statistics – Information Only

Ald. Payleitner: I was looking over the statistics supplied in our packets and I'm wondering either amongst our Council or staff, do we have a measurable result for success yet? We got three months under our belts and I was wondering what we're going for? My second question is do we know where the money is going yet?

Mark Koenen: With regards to the first question in terms of measurable results, I think the Council established the measurable results by defining the sunset clause. When we had the conversation a year ago there was general recognition that it would take a while for the video gaming to start up and be implemented; and at that time we said loosely perhaps as long as a year for it to really start up. We have three months' reports under our belts.

Ald. Payleitner: And almost \$2M gambled, so I was wondering where we're going with this?

Mark: In terms of measurable results I would give us at least a year and I think by definition of the ordinance, we allow ourselves until April 30, 2018. With regards to the second question there is no budget in FY16/17 to be generated from video gaming because we didn't know if we would end up with the opportunity to turn it on. So the money that's been collected to date is going into our Corporate General Fund to subsidize to help pay for general expenses for police and fire and general government use.

Ald. Payleitner: That was concern that I was hoping that the added burden of not just this license but of all of our licenses that certainly warrants additional staff.

Mark: There is no doubt that increase oversight with the result of the Liquor Commission, the efforts of that group have turned St. Charles downtown into a good safe entertainment zone. Our Police Department is extremely busy in doing a great job.

5. Finance Department

a. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Abating a Portion of the Tax Heretofore Levied for the City of St. Charles, Kane, and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Julie Herr: Staff is requesting for the Council to approve the abatement of a portion of the 2016 property tax levy that represents principle and interest payments on the City's general obligation bond issues. The City has a long standing policy that these debt service payments are paid out of the City's General Revenues rather than the property tax revenues. Therefore to continue this practice, included in your packet is a resolution that will abate approximately \$8M from the 2016 tax levy.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Bancroft to recommend approval of a Resolution Abating a Portion of the Tax Heretofore Levied for the City of St. Charles, Kane, and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. Fire Department

a. Recommendation to approve the purchase of a Ferno INX Inline Cot and Inline Fastener System as approved by the Tri City Ambulance Board.

Chief Schelstreet: At the December 9, 2016 Tri City Ambulance Board meeting, the purchase of one Ferno INX InLine Cot and Fastener System was approved as a budgeted expense. Staff had gone through a comparison of both the Stryker and Ferno cots. What these are is automated self-rising cots and the reason is that it's an initiative is to prevent back injuries and Workers' Compensation claims. Back in the day one person would get on each side of the cot and lift it up into the ambulance. Today this is done by power and automation so the cot goes in and there's an inline clamp that holds it – all done by pushbutton. We do purchase the cot separately because we go through separate processes to obtain bids and then we also put them through a test for stability and various other requirements. The Ferno model out-performed the Stryker and was less expensive. I'm requesting approval of the Ferno INX system.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Bancroft to recommend approval of the purchase of a Ferno INX Inline Cot and Inline Fastener System as approved by the Tri City Ambulance Board.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Tri City Ambulance Association.

Chief Schelstreet: This is a housekeeping item which is to approve declaring of a few items to be surplus so that they can be sold to the greatest advantage of Tri City Ambulance. This was also approved at the December meeting of the Tri City Ambulance Board where we will sell to the best possible costs of the Ferno cots and stair chairs currently employed and return the money to the General Fund.

Motion by Ald. Silkaitis, second by Gaugel to recommend approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Tri City Ambulance Association.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

7. Executive Session – None.

- Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4)
- Property Acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)
- Collective Bargaining 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(14)

8. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff or Citizens.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Ald. Lemke to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chair Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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